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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 29, 2003, said period of response being extended from October 29, 2003 to January 29, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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